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PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE
NINTH NAVAL DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS
GREAT LAKES, ILLINOIS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

GREAT LAKES, Ill.-- July 3 -- It was announced at the HEADQUARTERS, Ninth Naval District today that James Russell Brown, 34, of 532 Washington Boulevard, Kansas City, Kansas has been sworn into the Naval Reserve as Chaplain with the rank of Lieutenant, junior grade. Lt.(jg) Brown is the first Negro to hold that position. He has been ordered to report to the Chaplain's school at William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Virginia for indoctrination.

The new Chaplain was Dean of Bishop Williams School of Religion at Quindaro, Kansas, and was pastor of St. Luke's African Methodist Episcopal Church in Kansas City, Kans. He holds an A.B. degree from Friends University; a B.D. degree (1935) from Howard University, and he has done further graduate study at Chicago Theological Seminary.

Lt.(jg) Brown is married to the former Miss Melba Long of Wichita, Kansas. He has a brother, Edwin C. Brown, practicing law in Alexandria, Virginia, and another brother, Mozel O. Brown who is a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army. His father Ellis Brown resides at 1351 East 48th Place, Los Angeles, Calif.